REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-7, 10-14, 21, 32, 35-36, 43-44, and 46-49 are currently pending. Claims 4, 11-12, 14, 21, and 47-49 are currently amended for claim dependency, typographical misspellings, and clarification. Claims 1, 4-7, 10-14, 21, 32, 35-36, 43-44, and 46-49 have been amended to include a status identifier. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Claims 2-3, 8-9, 15-20, 22-31, 33-34, 37-42, 45, and 50-68 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve their right to pursue a divisional or continuation application claiming the subject matter of the cancelled claims which divisional or continuation application claims priority to the present application.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for taking time to discuss and clarify matters stemming from the Communication mailed July 5, 2005.

As an initial matter, applicants have indicated to the Examiner that the Communication which refers to "[t]he reply filed on December 15, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action" should actually indicate the reply filed on April 7, 2005. The Examiner has confirmed that the April 7, 2005 reply was filed in response to the prior Office Action, and that the notation of a December 15, 2004 reply was a typographical error.

In order to be compliant to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, only the corrected section, *i.e.*, Amendments to the Claims including the listing of claims, is required for re-submission. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections raised by the Non-Compliant Amendment.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 3875-4138US1. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u>, Order No. <u>3875-4138US1</u>. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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